

VITTORIO GRIGOLO

Biography:

Italy announces a formidable return to the opera stage with the young Italian tenor, **Vittorio Grigolo**. His triumphant debut this June at London's Royal Opera House Covent Garden, performing in a new production of *Manon* by Massenet alongside Anna Netrebko, caused a sensation amongst audience and music critics alike: "But the evening really belongs to her (Anna Netrebko's) *Des Grieux*, Italian tenor Vittorio Grigolo [...] making the most sensational debut to be heard at Covent Garden for some time. He's got everything the role demands – a voice that flows, terrific looks, an instinctive sense of theatre". *The Guardian*

Born in Arezzo, Tuscany and raised in Rome, Vittorio was only four when he discovered his passion for music; a few years later he was made a soloist in the Sistine Chapel choir. Having made his debut as the Shepherd in *Tosca* at the age of thirteen, he began his vocal training in earnest, and at twenty-three became the youngest tenor ever to perform at La Scala, Milan. Within a few years, he was appearing at all the world's most prestigious opera houses, under the baton of Riccardo Chailly, Lorin Maazel, Zubin Mehta, Riccardo Muti, Myung-Whun Chung, Daniel Oren and Antonio Pappano, with a repertoire that includes Mozart, Donizetti, Verdi, Puccini, Gounod, Massenet, Offenbach, Bernstein and the sacred works of Rossini. As one of the leading tenors of his generation, he now performs worldwide, and is renowned for his star quality as both a singer and actor: Vittorio's exceptional dramatic and vocal talents have been widely praised by the world's press.

With a gold and platinum-selling solo album, a Grammy-nominated recording of Bernstein's *West Side Story* and his upcoming album "The Italian Tenor" released this Fall on Sony Classical, Vittorio is already established as a successful recording artist as well as a charismatic and accomplished stage performer. He brings the same energy to his live concert performances as he does to his operatic roles, and not long ago sang before an audience of over 40,000 at an event organized in Chicago in tribute to the late Luciano Pavarotti.

His most recent operatic appearances include the title roles in *Faust*, *Don Carlo* and *Les Contes d'Hoffmann*, along with *La Bohème*, *Lucrezia Borgia*, *La Traviata*, *Gianni Schicchi*, *Lucia di Lammermoor*, *Il corsaro*, *Manon* and *Rigoletto*.

Most recently Vittorio has collaborated with Zubin Mehta and the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra in a special gala concert performance of *Rigoletto* in Tel Aviv. In September Vittorio will take the role of the Duke in Andrea Andermann's spectacular televised production of *Rigoletto*, with Plácido Domingo, conducted by Zubin Mehta, which will be broadcast across two evenings by numerous European television stations. Vittorio will make his debut at the Metropolitan Opera in New York with *La Bohème* in October and next season will see him perform at La Scala, Milan in *Roméo et Juliette*.

Repertoire:

Giuseppe Verdi:

Don Carlo
I Due Foscari
Un Ballo in Maschera
Luisa Miller
Messa da Requiem
Rigoletto
La Traviata
Il Corsaro

Gaetano Donizetti:

L'Elisir d'Amore
Don Sebastian
La Favorita
Anna Bolena
Lucrezia Borgia
Lucia di Lammermoor

Giacomo Puccini:

La Bohème
Madame Butterfly

Charles Gounod:

Faust
Romeo & Juliette

Giacchino Rossini:

Petite Messe Solennelle
Stabat Mater

Jules Massenet:

Idomeneo
Così fan tutte

Jules Massenet:

Werther
Manon

Leonard Bernstein:

West Side Story

Jacques Offenbach:

Les Contes d'Hoffmann

Measurements:

	Men Measurements (cm.)	
A-B	Height	
C-B	Nape to floor	154
1	Around head	58
2	Neck	47
3	Chest	97
5	Waist	71
6	Hips	102
D-E	Side of neck to waist front	55
D-H	Shoulder seams	12
I-J	Underarm to waist	26
D-K	Side of neck to waist back	50
L-M	Across shoulders back	
	Sleeves	
7	Bicep	34
8	Elbow	30
9	Wrist	19
H-N	Shoulder to Elbow	31
H-N̄	Shoulder to wrist	60
	Trousers	
10	Thigh	62
11	Knee	41
12	Calf	42
13	Ankle	29
R-S	Inseam to knee	34
R-T	Inseam to ankle	78

R-V	Inseam to floor	86
J-P	Waist to knee	62
J-Q	Waist to ankle	104
J-B	Waist to floor	111
	Crotch	28
U-X	Shoe size	44

